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NEWS NOTES

Golf tournament starts soon

The annual Sandy Sutherland Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament will tee off at 11 a.m. June 18 at Pine Hills Country Club in Taylor. The tournament uses the captain and crew format. Cost is \$80 for greens fee, cart and dinner following golf.

Proceeds benefit veterans served by the VA Medical Center, Plains, and the Gino Merli Veterans' Center, Scranton. Registration forms are available in the Public Affairs Office.

For more information, call Joe Sylvester, 961-2696.

Hunter education class

There will be a free hunter education class July 27 and 28 in the Mack Fitness and Recreation Center for people ages 12 and older. The course is open to the public.

Limited space is available, so advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, call X57583 or X58851.

Baseball bus trips

- New York Yankees vs. the Minnesota Twins, 1:05 p.m. July 4. Cost is \$30 and includes the ticket, bus ride, bagged lunch and snacks.
- Philadelphia Phillies vs. the Atlanta Braves, 1:05 p.m. Aug. 12. Cost is \$40 and includes a ticket, bus ride, bagged lunch, snacks and \$10 concession-stand credit.

Tickets on sale

- Wilkes-Barre Scranton Pioneers, home games. Cost is \$25 for seats in section 110, \$20 for seats in section 104, and \$8 for seats in section 108.
- Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees, box-seats, home games, cost is \$6 each.
- Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees, Coors Light Pavilion Deck, 7 p.m. June 23, against Syracuse Sky Chiefs or 7 p.m. July 28, against the Rochester Red Wings. Cost is \$7.

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Joint strategy disposes of outdated shelters

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

A cleanup effort at Tobyhanna will net a potential \$1 million savings for the U.S. Navy by reusing outdated government assets as targets on a bombing range.

The depot joined forces with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS), Defense Distribution Depot-Tobyhanna (DDTP), and Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command (C-E LCMC) and developed a strategy to salvage electronics shelters in an effort to clear space and dispose of equipment that has outlived its usefulness. Of the 2,300 shelters stored here, 700 have been earmarked for the shelter disposal program.

"The majority of the shelters stored on the depot are condition code F stock," said Bill Askew, C-E LCMC Field Office representative. "A good portion of them are no longer used because their function has been superseded or the facilities are obsolete."

Shelters tagged as F stock are recognized as unserviceable, however can be repaired if needed.

Without this program, officials at the Navy DARE Target Complex at Manns Harbor, N.C., would have had to pay up to \$2,500 each for shelters to populate a 26,000 acre range used to train military pilots. The complex will use the shelters to create a makeshift city. Records show the Navy has requirements for about 1,800 shelters.

"So far, we've shipped about 220 shelters," said Tom Becker, quality assurance specialist, Communications Directorate at Fort Monmouth. "Currently, we're prepping a total of 700 shelters for disposal." Additional shelters will be sent to other East Coast ranges.

Item managers throughout the command determine the status of shelters and C-E LCMC funds the cleanup effort. Once released, DDTP issues the outdated assets from storage and moves them to a depot facility where workers remove components in preparation for shipment. DRMS funds the pick up and delivery of the shelters.

"This program is perfect," said Paul Galzerano, target technician, Naval Air Station Oceana, Va. "I've been able to get everything I need for the ranges and it's saving a lot of money." Galzerano spends his days searching for salvage equipment to keep the ranges operating, and estimates that he has acquired about \$20 million worth of excess property in the past three years.

DRMS disposes of excess property received from the military services. Property is first offered for reutilization within the DoD, transfer to other federal agencies, or donation to state and local governments and other qualified organizations. Excess property that is not reused, transferred or donated may be sold to the public as surplus.

Officials agree that it's a win-win situation for all agencies involved in the shelter disposal program. The project is designed to help clear storage space here, prevent overcrowding at the DRMS storage areas and help other branches of the service save hundreds of thousands of dollars by providing necessary training tools.

"I saw first-hand depot, Defense Logistics Agency, and CE-LCMC personnel assisting one another in every step of the shelter disposal process," said William Landon, director, Communications Directorate. He indicated that the storage space created by this initiative will benefit



Yardley Jean-Baptiste, general equipment mechanic, removes a teletypewriter while stripping an electronics shelter of radios, light bulbs and other components. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)

the Army and support the warfighter because equipment returned from Southwest Asia can be received more quickly into the depot, repaired and returned ahead of schedule.

"DDTP has been involved in various disposal efforts of dormant and excess stock over the past several years," said John Heuberger, DDTP deputy commander. "This is one of the more successful initiatives because of the benefits to the Defense Logistics Agency Storage Activity, the host maintenance activity and customers needing the excess assets for training purposes where taxpayer dollars can be put to good use."

Heuberger added that a program like this allows the government to maximize asset potential while exercising fiscal constraint. He sees it as "getting the best bang for your buck" while supporting the warfighter.

"It's rewarding to orchestrate a project that not only solves problems

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PC users responsible for computer security, adherence to current government policies

Computers are essential to modern life and are tremendous force multipliers for our work effectiveness. Used properly, they make us more efficient and productive, as well as informed about current events and other activities affecting our work, social and personal lives.

As you have learned in ethics training, the use of a government computer comes with obligations and responsibilities. The computer is not your personal property. Since it is government property, you may only use it for two purposes:

1. to support your official duties; and
2. limited personal use on breaks and lunch, as well as before and after duty hours.

Authorized use of the computer is a privilege, not a right, and will be revoked if abused.

Unauthorized use of government computers is

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

BY COL. RON ALBERTO



not tolerated at Tobyhanna Army Depot. Such uses include, but are not limited to, forwarding chain letters, inappropriate use of sensitive and classified information, copyright infringement, commercial use (such as operating a business from work), conducting political activities, sending offensive or discriminatory pictures or jokes, and accessing inappropriate material on the Web, such as sexually explicit or pornographic sites.

Simply put, these and similar uses are absolutely forbidden. These acts are wrong, in some cases they are illegal, and they most definitely are inconsistent with our Army values and our organizational commitment to excellence.

Recently we've seen an increase in unauthorized use of government computers to access pornographic material on the Internet. Let me be clear, this is unacceptable and unethical behavior. It is no secret that we use sophisticated technology to monitor use—we will discover inappropriate use and we will discipline or file criminal charges accordingly.

Don't put your reputation or your career at risk through a foolish or ill-considered action. If you have any doubts, ask your supervisor, or call the Management-Employee Relations Division or the Legal Office.

THANKS

On behalf of the Veterans Council, I would like to thank everyone who helped us with the POW-MIA Memorial and the dedication on May 12.

The dedication ceremony was wonderful, from the posting of the colors to the flyover. Seeing the number of people in attendance was greatly appreciated and added so much to the event.

We would like to thank Public Affairs Officer Kevin Toolan for his assistance in coordinating this ceremony.

As special thanks, I would personally like to thank Brenda StDuran for her assistance in all of our fundraising efforts as well as our memorial preparation.

We were proud to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor and appreciate the support and patience which you have shown us through the years of fundraising. Please take the opportunity to visit the site. Thank you.

**Caroline Jurosky, President
Tobyhanna Veterans Council**

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Memorial Day honors sacrifices of heroes past, present

As Memorial Day approached, my mind went back to the times I have been deployed, and I thought about all the sacrifices men and women in uniform have gladly offered up in defense of our beloved country.

America has never lacked for heroes. From our nation's earliest beginnings, men and women have rushed forward to keep the dream of freedom and independence alive.

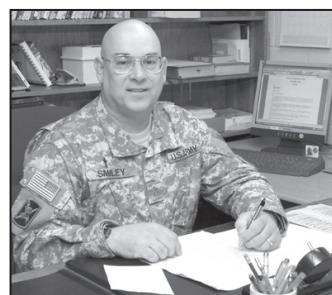
I just returned from a six-day chaplain's conference in the Washington, D.C., area, complete with a tour of the Antietam Civil War battlefield and ending with a visit to the Pentagon. I also had the opportunity to see several of the memorials at the capital.

At the Pentagon, I spent time in the new Pentagon Chapel, constructed inside at the site where the terrorists crashed the plane into the building, and where 184 innocent lives were lost. Standing in that hallowed spot gave me the opportunity to meditate and reflect on sacrifice.

As our tour guide described in detail the day-long battle at Antietam, resulting in over 24,000 killed and countless more wounded, I was overwhelmed as I considered the bravery and commitment of those who gave their all.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by
Chaplain (Maj.) Philip Smiley



Regardless of which side they were on, the events of that day made them heroes. They overcame their fear and spent themselves for what they believed in.

I vividly remember one particular worship service I conducted for my unit, the 297th Military Intelligence Battalion, while I was deployed down range. About 15 Soldiers attended that day.

I had just finished the scripture and sermon portion, and was about to offer communion when the sirens went off. It was another SCUD missile attack.

We all donned our protective gear, including gas masks, for protection against chemical warfare. Then we crowded into the bunkers feeling helpless and vulnerable because there is nothing you can do but wait and try to control your breathing. You're hot, uncomfortable, uncertain, and hoping that everything will be OK.

My heart was racing, as was everyone else's (that happened a lot). And yes, I was praying. Any Soldier you ask will tell you the same thing.

During a missile attack, there is only a few minutes between notification, Patriot missile defenses being launched and the incoming enemy missile being destroyed. But those couple of minutes can be an eternity. On several occasions, the launch of a Patriot missile and its impact with the SCUD were only seconds apart.

There were a few close calls and I learned how important it was to trust those Patriot batteries. They saved our lives. I also learned how important my faith in God was.

When the all clear sounded, I gathered my "flock" and we finished communion and the worship service. Somehow, it had greater meaning, and there was a renewed appreciation

for life and safety. We never took it for granted.

Over the course of every Memorial Day weekend, there are parades, prayers and speeches. Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines are dressed in their best uniforms. The pride of service past and service present is honored.

Memorial Day is not just a day off; it is a time when our nation honors those who stand in harm's way.

I am so proud to wear the Army uniform and serve my country. I am so proud to serve the outstanding men and women who volunteer to go to dangerous places in answer to their nation's call.

I am happy to go into dangerous places to serve God and country. It is an honor. It is a sacred privilege. It is a choice, and all those who have chosen this life understand that choice.

As I walked through the Pentagon, I was drawn to one particular display. On the wall was a progression of striking pictures showing military heroes past and present. In big bold letters, this message was written underneath: "Every generation has its heroes. This generation is no exception."

The statement vividly describes those who are serving now. We have the best. And they can hold their own with all the heroes of the past. Their sacrifices and their deeds are just as great as those who have gone before them. The pictures and the message were so striking that I couldn't help but reflect on it for a long, long time.

Make sure you appreciate the men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting your way of life. They are true heroes. Freedom is precious. It is unique in this world, and it doesn't come free. God bless America, and may our flag always fly bold and proud.

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EXCELLENCE IN

ELECTRONICS

Suggestion promotes safety, eliminates problem

by Jennifer Caprioli
Staff Writer

An employee's suggestion has cut the time to eliminate an electrical problem from 60 minutes to three.

When James Ludolph was hired in February for the Interrogator Branch of the Surveillance Systems Division, he began researching a more effective way to enhance the safety of a keyboard data entry device. The Surveillance Systems Division is part of the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

He worked as a contractor at the depot for three years prior to obtaining his position as an electronics mechanic. He is currently repairing components for the OD-153 radar indicator, which is used in the AN/GPN-20 Ground-based Radar Navigation System that tracks and identifies aircraft.

While working on the keyboard component, which costs about \$2,500 to repair, he thought of a solution to an electrical problem.

An aluminum piece used to mount the keyboard is located next to an input component that was causing the unit to short circuit over time, resulting in a 115-volt arc that charred and pitted the aluminum piece. This could electrocute someone if they were touching it.

"While it doesn't ruin the unit, it's definitely an electrical safety hazard," said Branch Chief Brian Cannon.

To fix this problem, workers in the shop would spend up to 60 minutes filing the aluminum down. "I saw this and thought it was too time consuming," said Ludolph. He began to look for a better way to fix the problem.

From previous experience, Ludolph decided to adhere a non-conductive, phenolic material to the aluminum piece. Adhering this material to the spot on the aluminum that comes in close contact with the component takes three minutes.

With approval from Mechanical Engineer Don Cook, and encouragement from Electronics Technician Larry Frable, Ludolph decided to submit his

suggestion to the Army Suggestion Program (ASP). "It could have been a Standard Operating Procedure, but we decided to do this," said Brian Cannon. "It ensures that it's documented." For his suggestion, officially implemented May 25, he was awarded \$500.

"It was a LEAN-inspired thought," Ludolph said. "It's useful because it's safer, it avoids any electrical safety hazard and saves hours." It also saves money due to the reduced time it takes to repair the keyboard. One 12x12 sheet of the material can be used for 77 keyboards and the Interrogator Branch repairs about 55 keyboards a year. One sheet of the non-conductive material is enough to last a year.

Ludolph credits his idea to his experience and being new to the branch. "The best time to make a suggestion is anytime you're new; you see things that are fresh to the eyes," he noted.

Cannon also believes that Ludolph's "fresh set of eyes" are what helped him with his "outside of the box" way of thinking.



James Ludolph attaches non-conductive material to an aluminum plate, eliminating an electrical safety hazard. (Photo by Jennifer Caprioli)

CFC co-chair sought for 2007 campaign

by Brad McWilliams
Chairman, Local Federal Coordinating Committee

For the past seven years, I have had the privilege to serve as chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, which oversees the Combined Federal Campaign at Tobyhanna and several other federal agencies in northeastern Pennsylvania.

This has been a great learning experience for me, an opportunity to represent the depot in the local community, and most importantly, to have a voice in the regional Combined Federal Campaign, which is so important to the quality of life in our area.

I will be stepping down after this year's campaign, and my co-chair, Elaine Saunders of Safety, will not serve in that capacity this year. Therefore, to help ensure the continuing success of this vital charitable program, I am looking for someone to work with me as the co-chair for the 2007 campaign. This is a responsible but very rewarding position. Our duties include ensuring that the regional CFC is conducted properly and that every federal employee is given the opportunity and the information to participate in the CFC. We also evaluate applications by local charities to participate in the regional CFC and also that your contributions are distributed appropriately.

My career at Tobyhanna has provided me many opportunities, and the chance to support the Combined Federal Campaign has been one of the most rewarding. If you would like to learn more, please call me, X56919, or send an e-mail to bradford.mcwilliams@us.army.mil.

3 earn award for volunteer service

by Jennifer Caprioli
Staff Writer

Three retired military personnel received the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award here for outstanding community service.

The Legion of Honor Award is awarded to individuals for significant volunteer service. Donato Nicolais, Willard Robbins and Charles Yaccovelli were presented the award on April 3 by William C. Jones, an official from the Pennsylvania Central Knights of Columbus.

These men were nominated by Raymond Smith, the deputy director of the Retired Activities Office (RAO) at the U.S. Air Force Reserves Center in Wyoming. Smith nominated these men because of "their unselfish attitude toward volunteering."

Founded in 1951 to honor four Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, the Legion of Honor Program Award is presented to community members.

Nicolais served with the U.S. Navy for 20 years, retiring as a chief petty officer. He has been volunteering for over 30 years. He is the chief counselor at Tobyhanna's Retirement Services Office (RSO) and has assisted retired military personnel since 1991.

Each week since 1992, Nicolais



From left, Donato Nicolais, William Jones, Charles Yaccovelli and Willard Robbins participate in the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award ceremony April 3. (Photo by Tony Medici)

has volunteered his time at the 92nd Aerial Port Squadron in Wyoming. He has been a board member for the Green Ridge Assembly of God for over 10 years. He serves as treasurer and book keeper for his church.

Nicolais also volunteers at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center, where he assists veterans during events.

Robbins served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, retiring as a senior master sergeant. He has been volunteering as a fireman and ambulance driver for the past 30 years with the West Wyoming Volunteer Hose Co. No. 1.

He also volunteers at the Reserve center in Wyoming, assisting the retired military community, and serves

as treasurer of the Northeast Retired Air Force Wing in Wyoming.

Yaccovelli served in the U.S. Army for 29 years, retiring as a sergeant first class. He assists retired military personnel at the RSO. Yaccovelli is actively involved with the American Legion Post 859, where he is sergeant-at-arms with the honor guard.

Through the American Legion, he works with youth organizations and supports fundraisers for the local Veterans Affairs.

He also assists with fundraising at Saint Tikhons Orthodox Monastery and Seminary.

Yaccovelli believes that he was nominated for this award because he is "versatile and will do whatever is necessary."



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Traditions show respect for flag

Military ceremonies and the playing of the National Anthem provide opportunities for all personnel to pay respect to the flag, preserve traditions and stimulate esprit de corps.

Depot ceremonies include the daily observance of Reveille and Retreat at 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. respectively.

When the first note of Reveille or Retreat sounds, military members and civilians, when outdoors, should stop their activities and face the flag. If the flag is not visible, face the direction of the music.

Military members in uniform will come to attention and execute a hand salute at the start of Reveille. Everyone not in uniform will stand at attention with their right hand over their heart.

Men out of uniform will remove and hold their hats with their right hand while placing the hand over their heart. Once the music stops, resume normal movement.

When Retreat sounds, military members in uniform will come to the position of parade rest. As the first note of "To the Colors" sounds, all personnel will come to attention, render a salute or place a hand over the heart until the music stops. "To the Colors" is the ceremonial music which follows Retreat.

Follow the same procedures anytime the national anthem is played.

All vehicle movement must stop. Drivers will turn off the ignition if the vehicle makes loud noises, exit the vehicle and execute proper courtesy to the flag as described. Security will control the movement of traffic during these ceremonies.

Other flag protocol procedures:

- Never use the flag as a decoration; use bunting.
- During a parade, salute the flag when it is six paces from you, and hold it until the flag has passed six paces beyond.
- When carrying the flag, hold

it at a slight angle from your body, or carry it with one hand and rest it on your right shoulder.

- When displaying the flag outdoors on a building, hang it on a staff or rope over the sidewalk with the stars away from the building.

- To display the flag in a window, hang it vertically with the stars to the left of anyone looking at it from the street.

- To display the flag in a hall or lobby, hang it vertically across the main entrance with the stars to the left of anyone coming through the door.

- Hang the flag above any other flags on the same flag pole.

- The flag at half staff is a sign of mourning. Raise the flag to the top of the pole then lower it to the halfway point. Before lowering the flag, raise it to the top again at the end of the day.

Flag at half-staff

The flag will fly at half-staff Sept. 11, the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Tobyhanna rating earns 'green light' for 2nd consecutive Shingo site visit

by Don Engel

Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate

Tobyhanna is once again aiming for national-level recognition for Lean accomplishments in 2007.

Earlier this year, the depot submitted an Achievement Report to the Shingo Prize office based on the AN/TPQ-36 Firefinder Antenna Transceiver Group (ATG) overhaul process. The AN/TPQ-36 Firefinder ATG is overhauled in the AN/TPQ-36 Systems Branch of the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate's Firefinder Division.

The achievement report received a favorable rating, which has warranted a site visit by Shingo Prize examiners June 26-27. A team of four examiners, comprised of personnel from both the private and public sectors, will follow a very intense agenda during the two-day visit. The team will track the TPQ-36 Firefinder ATG from initial receipt of material, through the entire overhaul process, to shipping.

During this time, they will also be briefed on major process improvements initiated by personnel on the shop floor and meet with mission and base operations personnel who support the TPQ-36 Firefinder ATG process. Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate personnel are working with a number of mission and base operations personnel to prepare for the site visit.

The Shingo Prize recognizes U.S. organizations that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in manufacturing (including maintenance, repair and overhaul) and supporting business processes, leading to outstanding quality, cost, delivery, and business and financial results. Tobyhanna Army Depot was a Shingo Prize winner, Bronze category, for the AN/TPS-75 Radar System overhaul process in the 2006 Public Sector "Excellence in Manufacturing" competition.



Outdated shelters are being processed for disposal to help clear storage space here, prevent overcrowding at the DRMS storage areas and help other branches of the service save

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for one customer, but also helps another," said David Kabat, Disposal Service Representative supervisor, Mechanicsburg Cluster, Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H. "Watching this project, which includes four separate agencies, all come together to achieve the success it has makes my job a rewarding one."

Kabat and a three-member team were tasked with finding the best disposal method for the shelters while preventing unauthorized releases of demilitarization-required property, reusing as much as possible and ensuring flawless execution at the lowest possible cost for all concerned. He explained that demilitarization is the act of destroying the military offensive or defensive advantages inherent in certain types of equipment or material.

"We physically inventoried several hundred shelters [stored outdoors at Tobyhanna] last year," said Michele Famulari, Sales and Distribution Systemic Support Branch chief, Logistics Engineering Operations Directorate, C-E LCMC.

Once back at Fort Monmouth she and Christine Whalen researched the shelters in the supply system, and contacted weapon

system and project managers for disposition instructions. Whalen, a supply systems analyst, continues to monitor and adjust records as required.

"The process has been working very smoothly at both ends," Famulari said. "All the players are very knowledgeable and cooperative, which has greatly contributed to the program. In my opinion, we can use this framework for other large initiatives that may come in the future."

The branch is the lead for the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) sales and distribution business processes, which includes inventory reduction and disposals from a systemic aspect.

Early on, Askew and Becker realized that simply disposing of the shelters through existing channels could be costly. DRMS helped streamline the process by providing a customer for the shelters and a means for getting rid of the scrap.

"We were told it could cost as much as \$10 a pound to have someone else strip the shelters," Askew said, adding that employees here can do the job faster for less money.

"Because DRMS is paying the transportation, our savings are minimal; however, it is our mission to provide this

hundreds of thousands of dollars by providing necessary training tools. The Navy will use 500 of them as targets on an East Coast bombing range. (Photos by Steve Grzezdzinski)

service to our customers and support the war fighter," Kabat said.

Teams work on several shelters simultaneously to complete about 40 a week, Becker remarked. He said it takes two people about six hours to strip a shelter of the electrical components, light bulbs, radios, teletypewriters and other components. So far,

workers have removed 105 pallets, or 79,000 pounds of electronic scrap. Items removed from the shelter are destroyed at the DRMS demanufacturing facility

"We have a great group of people working to get the shelters prepped and transported off the depot," Becker said. "The teamwork is great; they're always helping each other."



From left, Bill Legg, counts items Yardley Jean-Baptiste and Cody Highhouse remove from shelters destined for a Navy bombing range. Items are counted, palletized, weighed and turned over to DRMO for disposal. Legg is a production controller assigned to the Production Management Directorate and Jean-Baptiste and Highhouse are general equipment mechanics.

Commissary renovation updates 1940s era building

by Jennifer Caprioli
Staff Writer

New equipment and a new layout promise a much improved shopping experience at the commissary, according to officials.

Since October 2006, Tobyhanna's commissary has been undergoing a major renovation to modernize the facility.



New produce cases have been installed at the commissary and arranged in a more conventional store layout.

It was obvious to anyone who set foot in the commissary that the former fire hall/bowling alley needed a facelift from when it was originally constructed in 1943, said Jerry Durham, store director.

The commissary renovations include a more conventional store layout with wider aisles.

"The new aisles make it easier for the customer to maneuver around," Durham said.

The store boasts new produce and frozen food cases, and food coolers. Durham plans to have meat cases installed by mid-July and dairy cases installed by the end of August. The store will also be receiving cutters and storage units for the meat department.

The main section of the store is not the only part being renovated; the bathrooms and break rooms have been repainted and retiled.

Durham is also pleased with the new intercom system that will allow shoppers and employees at the commissary to hear announcements and music heard throughout the depot.

By the end of the summer, the renovations should be more than 50 percent complete. There are also plans for new shelves to be installed in February or March.

Other renovations include ceiling tiles and lights. "The ceiling and lighting make things look a lot bigger and better," Durham said.

The construction of a loading dock behind the commissary is also underway. This will allow forklifts to enter the trucks, instead of having to jack pallets up and manually lift products.

Although these renovations are extensive, the actual

building will not be expanding in size. Durham said he plans to expand in other areas such as increasing the amount of "club packs" (bulk products) the commissary carries, and holding two more case-lot sales (bulk-product sales) a year.

Durham also wants people to know that, "If a customer comes in and requests something, we'll do our best to add it to our facility."

Many people have already commented to Durham that the new layout makes the store more presentable. Customers have also complimented the new lighting, saying it makes it easier to read food labels.

Durham anticipates that the renovations will provide customers with a much-improved shopping experience.



Other renovations include new frozen food cases and coolers. New meat and dairy cases are scheduled for installation by the end of summer. (Photos by Tony Medici)

Soldiers never give safety a day off

by Lori Yerdon
U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

The U.S. Army commences its 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety campaign with a simple yet meaningful slogan, "Never Give Safety a Day Off."

Memorial Day through Labor Day marks the critical days when accidents and mishaps pose a greater risk to Soldiers and their Families, so this year's theme holds great value in sustaining the force and maintaining an Army Strong, said Brig. Gen. William H. Forrester, director of Army Safety.

"As we enter the 101 days of summer – think back to effective messages some of your previous leaders delivered," said Forrester. "One in particular I vividly recall was given by then Maj. Gen. Dick Cody, our commanding general. His message, delivered to the entire 101st Airborne Division, was founded on the statistical analysis that predicted the division would lose two Soldiers to fatalities over the Memorial Day weekend. As we gathered shoulder to shoulder, with some twenty thousand of our comrades, our division commander asked us all – 'Who in this crowd will we let die?'"

Each week, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center will publish articles containing information to help Soldiers use composite risk management in making sound judgments while on and off duty.

"My charge to you and our Army is a simple but an effective goal that proclaims 'I can save my life and that of my comrade,'" said Forrester.



Tobyhanna dedicates POW/MIA Memorial

Armed Forces Week activities in Northeastern Pennsylvania started here with the formal dedication of a Prisoner of War/Missing In Action Memorial on May 12. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Defense Department civilians witnessed the ceremony, highlighted by the raising of a special POW/MIA flag. The flag, donated by Rolling Thunder Chapter 3, was carried in the Ride for Freedom XIX last May in Washington, D.C. On July 4, it flew over the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Hawaii. It was raised by Tim Davies, a member of Rolling Thunder, David Pope, a Vietnam Veteran and memorial construction manager, and Leslie Sharp, a Vietnam Era veteran. The ceremony marked the culmination of several years of effort by the Tobyhanna Veterans Council to raise funds to design and build the POW/MIA memorial. The new memorial is located near the depot's World War II memorial and Veterans Park. The 60-foot diameter memorial features a four-foot black granite stone with the POW/MIA symbol and black granite benches for major wars and conflicts. A star pattern recognizes each branch of the Armed Forces. Flag poles, lighting and landscaping complete the memorial. (Photo by Tony Medici)

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Jenny Battenberg	Engineering draftsmen	D/PE
Joseph Bilotta	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS
Matthew Butash	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/C3/Avionics
Kaila Casella	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS
Salvatore Caterino	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Bryan Causer	Engineering draftsman	D/PE
Christopher Cieszkowski	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Angela Dalmas	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/C3/Avionics
Alex Domanski	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/C3/Avionics
Stephen Ericson	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS
Matthew Fedor	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Mark Fetter	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/ISR
Amy Frey	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/ISR
Teresa Graef	Electronics engineer	TMDE
Brian Graff	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/ISR
Federick Granoski	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/C3/Avionics
Trevor Gruber	Welding worker	D/SIS
Jason Gulyas	Engineering draftsman	D/PE
Brett Hampton	Equipment cleaner	D/SIS
Gregory Hehn	Electronics worker	D/CS
David Hudak	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS
Nathaniel Isaac	General equipment mechanic	D/SIS
Thomas Kanios	Welding worker	D/SIS
Corey Katsak	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Aaron Kimble	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/ISR
Timothy Knabel	Mechanical engineer	D/PE
Kelly Kolvek	Secretary	D/ISR
Jonathan Lapera	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS
Thomas Lewis	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Trevor Lutz	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS
Gerald Manley	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Jonathan Marianelli	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Robert Mascola	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS
Merrill Mayenschein	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/C3/Avionics
Chris Mayer	Silk screen printer	D/SIS
Ryan Mills	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Johathan Miranda	Painter helper	D/SIS
Gerard Mirro	Carpentry worker	D/SIS
Gregory Moore	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
George Murphy	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/ISR
Gino Ninotti	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Michael Perkins	Equipment specialist, electronics	D/C3/Avionics
Bradley Post	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/C3/Avionics
Joseph Reviello	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Joseph Rossi	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Ryan Ruddy	Engineering draftsman	D/PE
Randy Schultz	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Windley Senne	Engineering draftsmen	D/PE
Christopher Shaffer	Machinist helper, student trainee	D/SIS
David Sica	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/C3/Avionics
Dominic Silvetti	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/ISR
Alan Slutter	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Leslaw Socha	Security guard	D/IRM
Joshua Tedesco	Machinist helper, student trainee	D/SIS
Everett Thompson	Machine tool operator	D/SIS
Lydia Tokash	Secretary	D/PM
Patrick Tomaszewski	Engineering draftsmen	D/PE
Clint van Orden	General equip mech, student trainee	D/SIS
Gabriel Viera	Electronics worker, student trainee	D/CS
Ronald Walker	Engineering draftsmen	D/PE
Steven Wiltz	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS
Sean Winter	Engineering draftsmen	D/PE
Shawn Woodbridge	Electrician, student trainee	D/SIS

Red Cross Blood Drive

The depot's Red Cross blood drive dates are the first and third Wednesday of each month. To schedule an appointment, employees must obtain supervisory approval and then call X57091.



NEW SUPERVISORS

Joseph McCafferty is the AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder branch chief, Firefinder Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.



McCafferty

The branch is responsible for overhaul, repair, reset, modification installation, testing, and providing field service representatives to work directly with Soldiers and their equipment for the AN/TPQ-37 artillery locating system. McCafferty also supports a forward repair activity in Southwest Asia, foreign military sales and civilian vendors. As chief, he supervises 29 people.

Firefinder is a mobile, phased array radar, which automatically locates hostile artillery and rocket launched weapons. The system will then

direct effective counter fire against the hostile weapon.

McCafferty served four years in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Midway and U.S.S. Hunley. He also served three years in the Pennsylvania National Guard. During his military career he was a clerical Yeoman and a mortar platoon sergeant.

Prior to his current position he was the Firefinder Components Branch supervisor. He began his career at Tobyhanna in July 1989.

McCafferty is a 1974 graduate of Scranton Technical High School. He and his wife, Maryellen, reside in Dunmore. They are the parents of Molly, 11, and Caitlin, 9.

McCafferty's hobbies include golf and camping.

He is a charter member of Murphy's Golf League.

CAREER MILESTONE



Michael Bednar, Matthew Tallo, Douglas Nevil and Deputy Depot Commander Frank Zardecki attend the Length of Service Awards ceremony held May 16. (Photo by Tony Medici)

Three Tobyhanna Army Depot employees were recognized for their years of government service during the May 16 Length of Service ceremony.

Douglas Nevil, 35 years, electronics technician, New Technology, Research and Development Division, Production Engineering Directorate.

Matthew Tallo, 30 years, air conditioning equipment mechanic, Industrial Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

Michael Bednar, 30 years, logistics

management specialist, Commodity Management Division, Business Management Directorate.

In addition to their service certificates and pins, employees with 35 years of service receive an engraved mantel clock and 30-year honorees receive a framed American Flag that includes a photo of the depot.

Honorees who attended their Length of Service ceremony also receive a four-hour time-off award. Deputy Depot Commander Frank Zardecki presented the awards.

RETIREES

Two employees met with depot commander Col. Ron Alberto May 29 before retiring.

Eric Lassiter was an electronics mechanic supervisor, Secure Telecommunications Branch, Communications Systems Directorate. He started work at Tobyhanna in January 1994.

Lassiter served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He resides in Gouldsboro with his wife, Chong. They have a son Eric.

He enjoys fishing. After retirement he plans to move back to his hometown of Suffolk, Va., to help with the family business and spend time with family.



Lassiter



Snyder

William Snyder was a production controller, Avionics Intelligence Electronic Warfare Scheduling Division, Production Management Directorate.

He started work at Tobyhanna in 1985.

Snyder served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He resides in Stroudsburg with his wife, Nancy. They have a son, John, and two grandchildren, William and Alexa.

His hobbies include sports, martial arts, oil painting, weapons collecting, target shooting and gardening. After retirement he plans to work part time, travel, teach and catch-up on work around the house.



Getting away from it all

Over 1,000 Tobyhanna employees made plans for summer vacation by visiting 35 vendors representing water parks, hotels, theme parks, golf parks, cruise lines, resorts and outdoor adventuring on May 10. "This is the third annual travel fair and the vendors were very pleased with the outcome," said Jackie Vass, Community Recreation Division chief. For information on booking all-inclusive vacation packages, cruises, airlines, car and hotel reservations, and Disney vacations, call Vass, X7584. Brochures are also available at the One Stop Shop of the Mack Fitness and Recreation Center. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)



Memorial Day at the ball field

Col. Ron Alberto, depot commander, tosses the first pitch as part of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees Memorial Day American Celebration on May 28. Tobyhanna Army Depot personnel participated in the pre-game ceremony honoring our military. About 300 employees and their family members attended the game, plus another 300 Soldiers and their family members, to see the SWB Yankees play the Toledo Mudhens. Roger Clemens, former New York

Yankees pitcher, pitched the game, which was a sellout with more than 11,300 fans in attendance. The SWB Yankees won 2-0. Alberto also addressed the crowd with a Memorial Day speech. Following his remarks, four color guards representing the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines presented the colors. Depot mission equipment, such as night vision scopes and a Sidewinder missile exhibit, were on display. (Photos by Tony Medici)

COMMUNITY BULLETIN



VAN/CAR POOLS

- **Taylor, West side, Moosic Street area:** 1 opening, van, 5/4/9, non-smoking, house-to-house pick up, call Joe Manley, X56839 or X56840.
- **Scranton West side:** 2 openings, van, 7 passengers, "A" placard, 5/4/9, non-smoking, house-to-house pick up, call Ron Hazlett, X59646 or Al Jones, X56176.
- **Jim Thorpe:** 1 opening, van, 5/4/9, "A" placard, contact Frank Lauth at frank.lauth@conus.army.mil.
- **Wilkes-Barre:** 2 openings, van, 5/4/9, "A" placard, runs every Friday, leaves the Sam's Club parking lot at 6 a.m., contact Richard Shermanski, X57998 or richard.shermanski@conus.army.mil.
- **Nanticoke, Wilkes-Barre, Dunmore:** 1 opening, 7 passengers, van, 5/4/9, non-smoking, call Chris Douthat, X58640.
- **Back Mountain, Kingston, Swoyersville:** 2 openings, 7 passengers, van, 5/4/9, non-smoking, call Chris Antall, X59088.
- **Back Mountain west side:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, meets at Luzern Shopping Center, call Walt Bobeck, X57607.
- **Wilkes-Barre:** 2 openings, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift, leaves Park and Ride (Route 309) across from McDonalds at 5:40 a.m., call Ray Tarnowski, X57331 or 736-6383.
- **Dallas, Shavertown, Exeter:** Accepting names for waiting list, 7 passengers, van, non-smoking, 5/4/9, call Bob Redinski, X59184, or send an e-mail.
- **Archbald, Jessup, Dunmore:** 1 opening, van, 5/4/9, non-smoking, "A" placard, shared driving, pickup points are St. Thomas, Cousins, Park and Ride, and the Holiday Inn, contact Mike, X56550, or mike.chapman@us.army.mil.
- **Plains, Pittston:** 1 opening, "A" placard, 5/4/9, van, non-smoking, house pickup in Plains or Pittston park and ride, call Steve, X59694 or Alex, X56232.
- **Meshoppen, Tunkhannock, Dalton, Waverly:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, "A" placard, last stop Mr. Zs in Waverly off Exit 81, call Thomas Zinram, X58736.

- **Berwick, Nescopeck, Conyngham:** 6 seats, non-smoking, 5/4/9, can run every Friday, call Erin Priestman, X59779.

- **West Scranton:** 4 openings, 5/4/9, non-smoking, pickup at Eckarts, call Bob Jones or Bill Thomas, X58140.
- **Montdale, Archbald, Jessup:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, pickup at Jessup park and ride, shared driving, call Michele, X57565.
- **Weatherly, White Haven:** 2 openings, 7 passengers, van, 5/4/9, pickup, runs both Fridays, non-smoking, call John Gower, X58805 or Cheryl Bachart, X58640.
- **Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville, Harvey's Lake (Back Mountain area):** Openings, 5/4/9, non-smoking, meet at Thomas' Market, call Mike, X59103 or Tom, X57625.



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- **Miscellaneous items:** Westinghouse microwave, \$30; wedding gown, ivory, size 8 (altered), \$100; Corelle dishes, white with blue flowers, setting for 8, \$25, and antique dish sets, blue flowers, \$35, and maroon with flowers, \$45, call 876-8052 after 6 p.m.
- **Pool heater:** Hayward, propane, 150,000 Btu, model H150, used once, like new, all hose connections, works with above- and in-ground pools and spas, purchase price was \$1,000, asking \$650, call Darlene, 894-4912.
- **Lakeview lot for sale:** Fawn Lake Forest, Lackawaxen, 3/4 acre, located on level, paved, private road, full lake rights, access to indoor and outdoor pools, clubhouse, beaches, tennis courts, outdoor ice skating, minutes from ski resorts and Lake Wallenpaupack, \$17,000, call 499-1540.
- **Refrigerator/freezer:** Whirlpool, side-by-side, 19.9 cu. ft. frost-free, white textured finish, asking \$100, call 346-9549.
- **Free:** Cat, black/white, short hair, de-clawed, born around September 2006, good with children, has had first shots, call 575-9127.
- **Truck:** 2005, Ford F150, 4x4, extended cab, 6' 6" bed with liner, 18,500 miles, asking \$22,000, call Ron, 346-9549 after 5 p.m.

Saving lives: Reservists learn combat skills

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

Army Reservists here learned to administer emergency medical care to frontline warfighters during a three-day battle assembly.

Twenty-eight Bravo Company Soldiers participated in a Combat Lifesaver (CLS) Course May 4-6 acquiring skills to augment the number of combat medics in the field. The course teaches basic medical skills via classroom study and hands-on training.

"Not every Army unit has a medic," said Capt. Shane Abell, Bravo Company commander, 392nd Signal Battalion. "Soldiers are taught to provide the initial care to those wounded in the field until help arrives or the person can be transported."

The combat lifesaver is trained to provide immediate care that can save a casualty's life, such as stopping severe bleeding, administering intravenous fluids to control shock and performing needle chest decompression for a casualty with tension pneumothorax [buildup of air around the lung(s)].

"I had never heard of it before, but now I know how to stick a needle into someone's chest cavity," said Spc. Charles Romito, after learning how to relieve a tension pneumothorax during the course.

To help the Soldiers prepare for the rigors of war, instructors assigned to the 339th Combat Support Hospital, Coraopolis, provided the annual training via a condensed version of the 40-hour course.

"This was the most thorough training of this kind, that I've ever attended," Romito said. "They covered everything and provided lots of opportunities to learn using hands-on practical applications."

Romito and Staff Sgt. Brian Davis have deployed to Southwest Asia in support of the war on terrorism. After the course, the men expressed confidence in their new lifesaving abilities in the event they were to deploy again.

Davis is the company's information technology manager and Romito is the assistant training sergeant.

"We can't stress enough to our students just how important these classes are," said 1st. Lt. Carl Kusbit, officer in charge of the CLS program. "We mainly instruct those Soldiers who are mobilizing to Iraq, and who have little to no knowledge of lifesaving medical skills."

He admitted that they teach a lot of information in a short period of time, but the Soldiers do well. Once initially certified, Soldiers have a mandatory retest every

following year to ensure they've retained the knowledge.

"This was really good training," Davis said. "Training like this helps alleviate fears so you can act."

Students also learned that up to 90 percent of combat deaths occur on the battlefield before the casualties reach a medical treatment facility. Some conditions, such as bleeding from a wound on an arm or leg, tension pneumothorax, and airway problems can be treated on the battlefield.

It has been estimated that the proper use of self-aid, buddy-aid and combat lifesaver skills can reduce battlefield deaths by 15 percent.

"I think everybody got a lot out of the course," Abell said. "We got a chance to see and use some of the newer technology being employed in the field today."

Course graduates carry a small aid bag containing supplies for controlling bleeding, initiating saline lock and intravenous infusion, and other procedures. A saline lock



Staff Sgt. James Hummer, transmission systems section chief, reviews information in the Combat Lifesaver Course study guide during annual training.



Capt. Shane Abell inserts a needle into Spc. Laura Wellman's arm while learning how to initiate a saline lock and intravenous infusion. Wellman is an information systems specialist. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Davis)



Spc. Jennifer Palmer, information systems specialist, applies an emergency trauma bandage as part of a 3-day training course.



Members of Bravo Company practice evacuating a casualty using a SKED, or improvised litter.

is a catheter inserted into the vein so an IV can be quickly established when necessary.

During the course, Kusbit observed that Bravo Company was one of the more inquisitive and interactive groups he'd seen.

"The skills that we teach Soldiers are very advanced lifesaving skills that can one day save the life of a Soldier in combat," said the lieutenant. "As for the Soldiers we taught at the 392nd, they did very well."

and to turn it back," he said.

Petraeus' report is expected to focus on the overall situation in Iraq from a security standpoint, he said. That will include efforts to counter al Qaeda, to train and equip the Iraqi forces, to bring down the violence in Baghdad and to promote political reconciliation.

This evaluation will be "an important contribution to an overall evaluation of how we think things are going in Iraq," Gates said.

But any decision on whether the United States should change its course in Iraq in any way "is going to be the president's decision," he said. Gates told reporters he expects that Bush will consider input from him, the

secretary of state and the Joint Chiefs of Staff when making such a decision.

Gates acknowledged that al Qaeda has had a big effect on the current picture in Iraq. "This situation would look very different if it weren't for al Qaeda," he said.

"Whatever progress is made, and particularly in the last few months, often is overshadowed when al Qaeda will launch a major attack that kills a lot of innocent civilian Iraqis," he said.

These terrorists "clearly intend to keep the violence stoked in trying to provoke sectarian conflict between the Sunnis and the Shiia," he said. "And so they are a significant complicating factor in what we're trying to accomplish through the surge."

Violence in Iraq could pick up this summer, officials say

by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Military forces in Iraq need to prepare for a possible increase in violence in July and August, defense leaders told Pentagon reporters May 24.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said the United States is dealing with a "smart, agile, thinking enemy" in Iraq that's technologically sophisticated and understands what's happening in the United States. That includes debate about Iraq.

As a result, Gates said, it's likely that these forces will increase their violence during the summer months, before Multinational Force Iraq Commander Army Gen. David H.

Petraeus issues an assessment in September.

"I think we should be prepared for them to make a very strong effort to increase the level of violence in July and August," the secretary said. "My hope is that anticipating it will allow us to thwart it."

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, agreed that experience shows the enemy is likely to seize on the opportunity to influence its outcome. "From an enemy standpoint, attacking as best they can in July and August would make sense from their standpoint," he said.

As a result, he said, it's important for U.S. and coalition troops to be prepared.

"We need to be prepared for that additional effort on their part, to defeat it